National Transportation Safety Board
FOREIGN NOTIFICATION
AVIATION

NTSB ID: DCA04RA016 Most Critical Injury:

Occurrence Date: 01/03/2004 Investigated By: Foreign

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location/Time

Nearest City/Place State Zip Code Local Time Time Zone
Sharm El Sheikh 0445

Aircraft Information

Registration Number Aircraft Manufacturer Model/Series Number

SU-ZCF Boeing 737-300

Type of Aircraft: Airplane

Amateur Built Aircraft?

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None

Revenue Sightseeing Flight: Air Medical Transport Flight:

Narrative

Injury Summary:

Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:

*** Note: The foreign authority was the source of this information. ***

On January 3, about 0445 local time (0245 UTC), Flash Airlines flight 604, a Boeing 737-300, registration SU-ZCF, crashed into the Red Sea shortly after takeoff from Sharm el-Sheikh International Airport in South Sinai, Egypt. The flight was a passenger charter flight to Paris Charles de Gaulle International Airport, with a scheduled stopover at Cairo International Airport for refueling. The airplane was destroyed, and all 133 passengers and 15 crewmembers (including six off-duty crewmembers and one cockpit observer) were fatally injured.

An NTSB Accredited Representative and technical advisers from the FAA, Boeing, and Honeywell assisted in the investigation by the Egyptian Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA). The U.S. investigators supported the MCA throughout the investigation, including numerous meetings in Cairo, Paris, and Seattle.

The MCA's final report was released on March 25, 2006. In accordance with the provisions of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, the U.S. provided a submission on the MCA's draft final report. The U.S. submission and the MCA's final report are available by contacting NTSB Public Inquiries. In addition, the U.S. submission is available at the NTSB's website at http://www.ntsb.gov/events/2006/flashairlines/default.htm.